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## EDITORIALS

### TUESDAY'S ELECTION

One of the most closely contested state elections in modern times is drawing upon us, Next Tuesday, August 2, is primary election day.

The election is unique in many respects. It will feature both a Republican and a Democratic primary —enough in itself to draw attention in the Old Dominion. Although the voters [illegible] to call for Republican ballots in large numbers, it is at least a show of life on the part of the GOP.

Four able candidates are seeking the Democratic nomination. These candidates announced many months ago and have toured the state as thoroughly as ever have candidates toured Virginia. As a result of the issues raised by the campaign, it is believed that the total vote may reach 300,000 or more. That is not a large vote for a state of some three million population, but it is large for Virginia, where many of the dull state election have drawn out a mere handful.

Of the many issues raised during the campaign, of major interest has been the fact that the plight of Virginia schools has received major consideration from all candidates. This is a good omen, and it is to be hoped that the 1949 election will herald a new period of development of our school systems.

This newspaper limits its council to its readers to this:

1. VOTE. Appomattox County has a creditable eligible list, and at least 2,000 local citizens should go to the polls next Tuesday. Better vote early in the day. Often it is stormy in the late afternoon. Polls open at 6:30 A. M. and close at 7:30 P. M.

2. Vote according to your sincere conviction. You are a free citizen, and are entitled to cast a free ballot. Mark your own ticket for what you honestly believe is best for this grand old state. You have read and you have heard the issues and the stands of the various candidates.

We shall abide by the will of the majority, in the conviction that the People of Virginia will make a good selection from among a field of able candidates.

### HONORING T. R.

(Winchester Star)

Sagamore Hill near Oyster Bay L. I., N. Y., for 30 years the home of Theodore Roosevelt and for 30 years after his death that of his widow who died last fall at the age of 87, is to become a national shrine.

The shrine will be under ownership of the Roosevelt Memorial Association, created following the death of Roosevelt. This plan has the approval of three surviving children of the former President. Three sons died in the two world wars.

Thousands of visitors to the Roosevelt grave at Oyster Bay annually make a pilgrimage to Sagamore Hill. Men and women from every part of the world were entertained at Sagamore Hill and, following the Colonel's death in 1919, Mrs. Roosevelt greeted all callers personally until her health declined a few years ago.

This shrine to a colorful President is the second memorial to his memory to be started this year. In June, at Medora, N. D., the Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, comprising 35,000 acres of Little MissouriRiver badlands where Roosevelt ranched as a youth, was dedicated.

Passing of the years is accompanied by increasing appreciation of the life and achievements of the nation's youngest President. Three monuments to his memory in the Dakota Territory over which he rode in the open range days are visited annually by hundreds of thousands of tourists.

In addition to the park at Medora, his is one of the four giant figures carved on Mt. Rustmore Borglum. And on a mountain peak five miles from Deadwood is a beautiful round stone monument, with circular stairway to an observation tower at the top, which was erected in 1919—reputed to be the first monument to his memory.

### Scientists Study Prospect Earth Is Getting Warmer

NEW YORK.—Plans are being laid for a 14-man, three-nation scientific expedition to the Antarctic to start late this year. It's mainly a Norwegian affair, but with Swedish and British scientists participating, and all three governments kicking in toward the expenses.

The 14 men are going to spend two years in Queen Maud Land, the sector due south of Cape Town. The Norse government has a shadowy claim on this sector on the basis of early explorations, but the interior has never been explored except by aerial photograph.

Is the world getting warmer? That's one thing the expedition hopes to cast light on. The scientists will bore holes in glaciers and study their history. Arctic ice has been shrinking notably in recent years; is Antarctic ice shrinking too?

Geologists in the expedition will look for exploitable mineral deposits under the ice. Weathermen will release balloons carrying instruments and follow them with the latest in radar.

The dog sled is still an essential part of Antarctic exploration, but there will be plastic runners this time.

### Whale Flesh Ruled Not Meat When Made into Sausages

BRIGHTON, ENGLAND.—A British court ruled that whale meat isn't—at least not for sausage-making purposes.

The Judge fined Osborne Stores company 5 pounds ($20) because its meat sausage had only 26 per cent meat instead of the 30 per cent required by the ministry of food. Whale meat used to make up the rest of the required percentage is not mentioned in the food ministry's definition of meat, the court noted.

Osborne Stores said the sausages had been very popular.

The British, harassed by a meat shortage, had been eating whale meat for some time. Many seemed to like it.

Both marriage and divorce rates declined throughout the world during 1948.

Probably one out of every four Swiss knows how to ski.


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## Fredericksburg Shrines . . .

Fredericksburg .... Visitors to Virginia, who delight in seeing places where history was made and in imagination bring to life those immortals who were the Founding Fathers, should come to Fredericksburg.

The Rising Sun Tavern, built in 1760 by Charles Washington, brother of the First President, shares fame with the last home of their mother, Mary Ball Washington. The tavern was the favorite meeting place of Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, the Lees, James Monroe, General Hugh Mercer, George Mason, Washington and the young John Marshall. It was known as "a hot bed of sedition," for there much of the head work of the Revolution was done. These men protested the tyranny of the mother country and discussed how best to rid the Colonies of the unjust burden. Known first as the Washington Tavern, the inn later became the Eagle Tavern and in 1776, when the following advertisement appeared in the Virginia Gazette of Williamsburg, no name was mentioned. We are merely told that:

"William Smith takes this method to acquaint his friends and the public in general, that he intends to open tavern on Monday, the 22nd of April next, in the house lately occupied by Colonel George Weedon, in the town of Fredericksburg. He has laid in a good stock of liquors, and will use his utmost endeavors to give satisfaction. N.B. A good cook wench wanted, on hire."

The place was in advanced dilapidation when the Association of the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities bought the property in 1907. Only the hard work of a few patriotic women saved the old tavern as a memorial to the great events that transpired within its walls during the latter part of the 18th century.

In spite of the tenseness of the times, all was not serious talk at the Rising Sun, where countly gentlemen in powdered wigs, knee breeches, ruffled shirts and buckled slippers gathered for cards or a glass of good drink. In the group of exquisites one could often see, the rougher garb of a pioneer traveler, seeking rest and entertainment.

It is recorded that Washington played cards there and "lost as usual" and that he feared those Fredericksburg fellows were "too smart" for him. Another of the tavern's attractions was distribution of mail coming by horseback or stagecoach from the far north and distant south. Weedon was postmaster and the crowd surrounded him as eagerly as has ever been the way at a small post-office town.

Many invaluable articles of great historic interest may be seen at the tavern including a desk owned and used by Jefferson and a chair of James Monroe, also much furniture of the day, together with many other items.

To go from Rising Sun Tavern to the last home of the mother of Washington is only a short walk. It is a charming little house with a garden rich in boxwood planted by Mary Washington herself and now in full beauty of maturity. The place was owned by Colonel Fielding Lewis and Betty Washington Lewis, only sister of George Washington, who sold it December 8, 1761, to Michael Robinson, who re-sold it to Washington.

After remodeling the house he moved his mother from the Ferry Farm, across the river, which had been her home since 1739. There she was destined to dwell for more than 25 years. Great events occurred during her residence, for a courier from her great son brought news of the battle of Trenton, and to this little house he went after Yorktown, accompanied by French and American officers, where she received him after an absence of seven years.

Marquis de LaPayette paid his respects to her, mother of the greatest American and his friend. He was welcomed in the garden. To this house Washington went again on March 12, 1789, to receive his mother's blessings before going to New York for his inauguration. This was their final meeting, for she died there August 25, 1789, in a room now shown to visitors.

Wednesday is named after Woden, a deity of the Anglo-Saxons.

Windmills first became common in Germany and in the Netherlands.

Whalebone comes from the skin lining of the mouth of the whale and is not true bone.


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## Lawyer Assists Innocent

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... started out as a hobby. ... a full-time job, necessi- ... employment of three investi- ...

... began as a corporation ... for 98, his hair gray and ... little time on his ... respected, heavy-set, ... eyes twinkle as he peers ... a desk top cluttered ... five-cent tablet ... his appointment book.

**Authority**

... a conservative dresser, ... gray and brown suits. His ... police authority and ... He once was in politics ... and served two years on Philadelphia city council.

... first heard the cry "I'm ... in 1906. The son of a ... minister was convicted ... Maris proved the youth ... victim of a prank and won ... case. Since then he has ... hidden several accused ...

... Maris takes a case as the ... money as a trial. He steps ... sentencing and only if he's ... was not done. ... only must send for me," ... "Then I check up on ... If I believe there has ... justice I step in. I send ... men to the place where ... occurred. We start from ...

... first thing—the most important thing—is to learn if everybody told the truth in ...

... born a Quaker but now a ... of the Christian Science ... critical of "overzealous" ... officials.

... a serious crime is committed ... one usually goes to ... and it's the wrong person. ... want the crime marked ...

**Avoids Publicity**

... shies from personal publicity. ... to remain behind ... Maris says he works better ... headlines.

... my work can't remain ... but I can," he says. ... refuses to pose for ... pictures.

... gets little money in ... his clients—prisoner clients, ...

... get the prisoner to pay ... of the investigation. I ... get the money out ... own pocket. Of course, if ... no money and I'm certain ... innocent I take his case ... free."

... penitentiaries in the ... area two and three ... week. He interviews prisoners ... a week—and hears stories. If he's convinced ... is telling the truth ...

**Dentists Pull Teeth, Rules by Stopwatch**

... British dentists are ... teeth and filling cavities by ... each week.

... purpose is to determine how ... they spend treating each ... and why dentists under the ... health scheme are earning ... salaries.

... ministry of health experimented ... hundred dentists work- ... health scheme are doing the ... of another 30 dentists who ... their share filling out the ... questionnaires as a check. ... chosen at random.

... Minister Aneurin Bevin's ... on the costs of "free" ... have shown completely ... the fat paychecks of ... were therefore halved ... dentists over 4,800 ... ($20,000) a year "because of ... cost of the situation." Dentists ... they were making ... under the health scheme, but ... what they called an "arbitrary ... They blamed Bevin's ... fixed the rates at 10 shillings ... for an extraction, 20 shillings ... a simple filling and ... ($6) for a more complicated ... They figured dentists ... earn 33 shillings ... an hour side hours a ... at those rates, earn a ... income of 3,800 pounds ...

... dentists, however, claim ... work much faster than ... allotted. The time checks ... to show whether ... high salaries now being ... made more to dentists ... to work overtime because ... has the tremendous demand ... high rates," said E. D. Cox, ... of the British Dental as- ... nothing in the law to pre- ... dentists from working day ... and some do.

## Gladstone

Gladstone, July 23.- Mrs. Herman Cunningham is under treatment at the Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mrs. R. R. Bowman and daughter, Shirley Ann, of Creeve, who have been visiting Mrs. Bowman's mother, Mrs. S. H. Thomas, who is convalescing from a recent operation, has returned home.

Mrs. J. W. Moss, who visited in Norwood with her mother, Mrs. W. C. McCraw, has returned to her home here.

Miss Mamie Lee Payne, of Richmond is visiting here with her grandmother, Mrs. Willard Payne.

Earl Jordan, who has spent his vacation here with his uncle, E. Cabell Christian, and family, and other relatives, has returned home.

Mrs. Ira Lee Fowles and daughter, Nancy, of Riverdale, are spending this week here visiting with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Hunter, of Appomattox visited here with Mrs. Hunter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bolton this week.

Willis Harris and son, Lyle have returned from Appomattox where they visited relatives several days ago.

### "SOOTY MOLD" APPEARS IN GRAIN PLANTINGS

A fungus called "sooty mold" is plaguing Virginia's small grain growers,

S. B. Fenne, plant pathologist at V. P. I., says however, that the fungus, which makes wheat and barley look like it has been dipped in coal dust, is relatively harmless.

"Sooty mold," he says, does not harm grain to be used for feed or seed. It might possibly be objectionable in wheat to be milled for flour. Many farmers mistake it for the destructive disease, smut.

The fungus attacks only plants that have matured and stopped growing. It is usually worse in damp weather.

### TOBACCO CONFERENCE HELD AT DANVILLE

Tobacco research and Extension workers from the main U. S. tobacco-growing states and some foreign countries, are meeing in their annual conference at Danville July 27-29.

The conference is conducted by three groups of professional tobacco workers - the tobacco research committee, headed by P. M. Mathews, Virginia Experiment Station, Chatham; the tobacco disease council, headed by W. J. Valleau, Kentucky Experiment Station; and the tobacco insect council, headed by H. H. Jewett, also of Kentucky Experiment Station.

About 150 are expected to attend the conference.

### GARDENERS TO MEET FOR SHORT COURSE

A short course for Virginia's gardeners will be held at V. P. I., August 8 - 12, A. G. Smith, Jr., horticulturalist at the college, announces. Mr. Smith, who is general chairman of the school, says the event is open to anyone interested in gardening.

The final appearance of an English King in battle took place in 1745

The total United States meat production per capita in 1948 was 145 pounds.

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